

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 01 2015

RE: S.B. No. 376
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
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Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 376, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose and intent of this measure is to create a farm to school program in the Department of Agriculture and to provide funding for a farm to school coordinator position to oversee the State's farm to school program.

Your Committee on Conference finds that farm to school activities support a nutritious school food environment and that more than eighty-five percent of the youth in Hawaii attend public schools. Students who participate in farm to school activities are more likely to be familiar with, have a preference for, and consume more fruits and vegetables at school and at home, thereby



establishing healthy behaviors at an early age that may prevent the onset of chronic diseases and other health conditions later in life.

Your Committee on Conference also finds that Act 55, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, encourages the purchase and use of Hawaii grown food and food products by residents, businesses, and governmental bodies. Your Committee on Conference supports increasing the procurement of local agricultural products for schools, which has the added benefit of supporting the State's local farmers and agricultural economy.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) farm to school coordinator position;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$75,000 for the farm to school coordinator position;
- (3) Changing the source of the appropriation to the agricultural development and food security special fund; and
- (4) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2015.

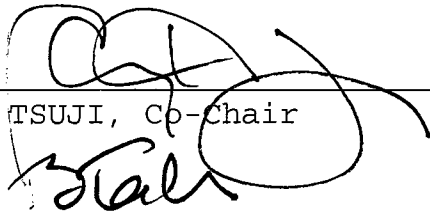
As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 376, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 376, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.



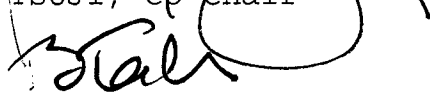
Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

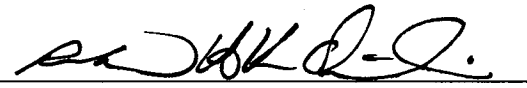
ON THE PART OF THE SENATE



CLIFT TSUJI, Co-Chair


RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair


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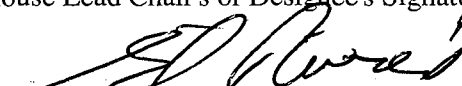

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Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: SB 376, SD 2, HD 1					Date/Time: <i>5/1/15 3:45 PM</i>				
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<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
RUDERMAN, Russell E., Chr.	X				TSUJI, Clift, Co-Chr.	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N., Co-Chr.				X	TAKUMI, Roy M., Co-Chr.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil, Co-Chr.	X				ONISHI, Richard H.K., Co-Chr.	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X				OHNO, Takashi	X			
SLOM, Sam				X	WARD, Gene	X			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2	TOTAL	5	0	0	0
A = Aye		WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay		E = Excused		
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